

Committee	Dated:
Community and Children's Services Committee Education Board	9/02/2018 and 8/03/2018
Subject: Revised Eligibility Criteria for the City Educational Trust Fund and the City of London Corporation Combined Education Charity	Public
Report of: Chief Grants Officer	For Decision
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Summary

The Education Charity Sub-Committee has revised the eligibility criteria for the City Educational Trust Fund (charity number 290840) and the City of London Corporation Combined Education Charity (charity number 312836) (the Charities). The revised eligibility criteria for the two charities are attached at Appendix 1. The new eligibility criteria for the charities aims to streamline the assessment process, reduce costs of charity administration and maximise expenditure of funds to further the purposes for which each charity was established.

Recommendations

Members of the Community and Children's Services Committee are asked to:

- consider the amended eligibility criteria for the Charities.

Members of the Education Board are asked to:

- approve the amended eligibility criteria for the Charities
- approve the dates for the next deadline of the Education and Employment theme of the Central Grants Programme.

Main Report

Background

1. At the Education Charity Sub-Committee meeting on 21 November 2017, Members met to make decisions on applications received by the City of London Corporation Combined Education Charity and the City Educational Trust Fund. At the meeting, Members decided that the criteria were too restrictive and provided input to officers on how amendments could be made.
2. Officers drafted revised eligibility criteria for the two charities to incorporate the comments made by members of the Sub-Committee who were subsequently consulted on the revised wording. These revised criteria are now attached at Appendix 1 for consideration by the Community and Children's Services Committee and for approval by the Education Board.

Proposal

3. To approve the revised eligibility criteria for the Education and Employment programme of the Central Grants Programme, subject to being noted by the Community and Children's Services Committee.
4. To approve the new grant round to open in April 2018.

Legal and Strategic implications

5. As a charity trustee of each charity, the City Corporation (acting by the relevant Common Council Committees with delegated authority to exercise the trustee functions and discharge the relevant duties) must ensure that it takes active steps to comply with the relevant charity's governing document. It must also administer the charity effectively so that it achieves the purposes for which the charity was established. Therefore, in adopting any policy to help direct the application of a charity's funds to further its objects, the policy must operate effectively and should not be overly restrictive. It should also be kept under review.
6. Once new eligibility criteria are in place, it will be important to review how effectively they operate for each charity, and whether savings are being made in administration and management of the grants such that as much of the charity's available funds as possible are directed to charitable activities.
7. The criteria will be reviewed after one full round of grant-making and on a regular basis thereafter.

Conclusion

8. This report asks Members of the Community and Children's Services Committee to consider this report and Members of the Education Board to approve the revised eligibility criteria for the City of London Corporation Combined Education Charity and the City Educational Trust Fund attached at Appendix 1. These revised eligibility criteria aim to streamline the assessment process, reduce costs of charity administration and maximise expenditure of funds to further the Charities' aims.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Revised Eligibility Criteria for the City of London Corporation Combined Education Charity and the City Educational Trust Fund.

Background Papers

- Education Charity Sub-Committee Minutes: 21 November 2017

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